(b) Yes Sir

Contribution of Food Corporation of India

2268 SHRI J CHOKKA RAO Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state

(a) whether the Food Corporation of India is contributing to the general revenues of the Union Government from its foodgrains trade, and

(b) if so, the present procurement position, issue rates of rice and wheat together with the over-head charges per quintal

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) (a) No, Sir

(b) During the current 1991 92 rabi marketing season a quantity of 77 52 lakh tonnes of wheat has been procured by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) Procurement of rice (including paddy in terms of rice) for Central Pool till 4th March, 1992 was 86 99 lakh tonnes during the current 1991 92 kharif marketing season Effective from 28th December, 1991 the Central issue price (ex FCI godowns) of wheat for Public Distribution System is Rs 280 per quintal and the Central issue prices of rice for common fine and superfine varieties are Rs 377 00, 437 00 and Rs 458 00 per quintal respectively The various kind of incidental charges per quintal during 1991-92 are as follows

Procurement incidental charges	*Rs*
Wheat	55 81
Rice	23 73
Paddy	44 79
Distribution Cost	*82 98*
Carrying cost of Buffer Stocks	*81 38*

[Translation]

Use of B V.O in Cold Drinks

2269 SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state

(a) whether soft drinks like Rasna Orange and Limca are being sold by mixing Brominated Vegetable oil in it

(b) if so, the remedial action being taken by the Government in this regard and

(c) the action envisaged to protect consumers from such deception?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D K THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA) (a) to (c) Brominated Vegetable Oil is not permitted in soft drinks under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules and the Fruit Product Order 1955 Samples are lifted regularly and necessary action taken Out of these samples collected during the last 2 years under the Fruit Product Order none was found containing Brominated Vegetable Oil

Prices of Eatables in Trains

2270 SHRI NITISH KUMAR Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) the reasons for the recent increase in the prices of eatables and soft drinks served in trains,

(b) the details of the profit earned/loss incurred by the catering departments of railway during the last one year, and

(c) the steps taken to eliminate the loss?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) (a) Taking into account the input